

**BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation of )  
the Educator Certificate of )  
Shah M. Hussain, )  
Certificate 203658 )**

**ORDER OF  
SUSPENSION**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this certificate suspension or revocation matter on March 8, 2005. On January 25, 2005, the South Carolina Department of Education (Department) sent Shah M. Hussain a notice of his right to a hearing before the State Board concerning the possible suspension or revocation of his South Carolina educator certificate 203658 by certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery, and regular mail. Mr. Hussain received the notice as evidenced by a postal receipt. Mr. Hussain has now agreed to resolve the matter without a hearing. Mr. Hussain has consented to the voluntary suspension of his certificate for a six-month period, which would commence on March 8, 2005, and end on September 7, 2005. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board accepted the suspension of Mr. Hussain's certificate.

Shah M.  
Hussain  
203658

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Date

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Mr. Hussain holds a South Carolina certificate with over seventeen years of teaching experience. Mr. Hussain has been employed with Richland County School District Two (District) since 2001. Mr. Hussain was a seventh grade teacher assigned to Dent Middle School. During the 2003-2004 school year, the District counseled Mr. Hussain on several occasions about classroom management and use of inappropriate language. Effective May 22, 2004, Mr. Hussain resigned following reports that he allowed students to engage in

inappropriate activities in class while he was in the back of the room on his computer.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct and evident unfitness for position for which employed. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004). After considering the findings, the State Board concludes that there is substantial evidence to support the suspension of the educator certificate of Shah M. Hussain for six months, from March 8, 2005, through September 7, 2005, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct and evident fitness for position which employed.

South Carolina State Board of Education

By: /S/ Paul M. Forrester

Paul M. Forrester

Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

March 8, 2005

I, Shah M. Hussain, SC Teaching Certificate 203658, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the State Board of Education for approval on Tuesday, March 8, 2005.

/S/ Shah M. Hussain      2/15/05  
Shah M. Hussain      Date